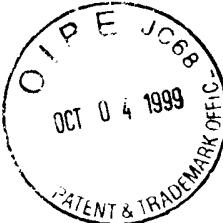


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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the written opinion *mailed on August 25, 1999* in connection with the PCT application corresponding to the above-identified patent application. The written opinion, a copy of which is attached, refers to five (5) U.S. patents three of which have already been made of record in this case (i.e. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,489,388; 5,269,920; and 4,579,659). The remaining two (2) references (i.e. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,068,034 and 3,685,657) are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Also, copies of the listed references are provided herewith. The Examiner is requested to thoroughly consider the written opinion as well as the two additional references cited therein before issuing the next Office Action in connection with this case.

The undersigned notes that since the written opinion was mailed on August 25, 1999, less than three months ago, the statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2) is applicable and incorporated

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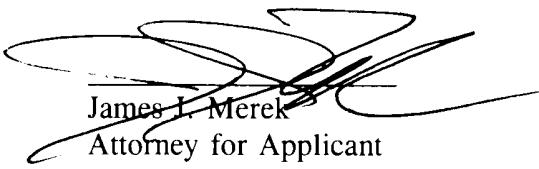
herein by reference. Accordingly, no fee is due for the consideration of the cited information.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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